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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Human Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor-Like 2**
Inventors: NI *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0770007/EKS/PAJ

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
2. One return postcard.

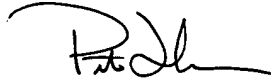
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In reply to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 16), Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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